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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 2325

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR XF

SUBJECT: PRESSURE TO CHANGE ARAB LEAGUE CHARTER?

1. ON JULY 30, AKHBAR AL-YAWM CARRIED BRIEF ITEM  
TO EFFECT THAT LIBYAN GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING TO AMEND  
ARAB LEAGUE CHARTER. NEWS ITEM CONTAINED NO ELABORATION,  
BUT WE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED BY FRENCH EMBASSY  
SOURCE THAT LIBYANS WERE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING MEMBERS  
OF LEAGUE COUNCIL WITH VETO POWER WHICH WOULD, IF USED,  
PUT ON RECORD THOSE STATES WHICH VOTED AGAINST WILL OF  
MAJORITY. FRENCH SOURCE FELT THAT JORDAN AND SAUDI  
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ARABIA WERE STATES PARTICULARLY ON LARG'S MIND IN THIS

REGARD.

2. AUGUST 3 MUSSAWWAR CARRIES LONG ARTICLE BY CHIEF EDITOR FIKRI ABAZA DEALING WITH FUTURE EGYPTIAN COURSES OF ACTION AND OPTIONS IN VARIOUS FIELDS. ONE OF THESE REGARDS ARAB LEAGUE, WHOSE CHARTER, ABAZA SAYS, NEEDS AMENDMENT. ABAZA'S ARGUMENT IS THAT AL RESOLUTIONS, TO BE OPERATIVE, MUST BE UNANIMOUS. ABAZA SUGGESTS THAT CHARTER BE AMENDED SO THAT RESOLUTIONS MIGHT BE ADOPTED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY, THEREBY CAUSING FEWER FRUITLESS DISCUSSIONS. ABAZA'S ARTICLE NOTES THAT OTHER ARAB STATES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO AMEND CHARTER.

3. UNUSUAL APPEARANCE OF TWO PRESS STORIES REGARDING AMENDMENT TO AL CHARTER, ONE WRITTEN BY SENIOR EDITOR OF MAJOR MAGAZINE, SUGGESTS THAT THIS MATTER IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE NO OTHER DETAILS ON SUBJECT AT MOMENT, HOWEVER.  
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